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TOPIC Soviet Military Rail and Road Movements in the Soviet Zone of Germany

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DATE OF CONTENT 30 September to 14 October 1950

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1. On 30 September 1950 troops, chiefly tank units, were loaded at the Stendal freight yard. Twenty-four T-34 tanks were already on a train and twenty-one T-34 tanks and several trucks towing 76.2-mm guns moved up to the loading ramp. Trucks [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] were loaded on the train carrying the 24 tanks. Trucks [REDACTED] approached the ramp towing artillery pieces. (1)

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2. On 30 September 1950 a train of several boxcars and flatcars carrying about 20 T-34 tanks and 15 trucks left Stendal toward Magdeburg.

[REDACTED] the trains loaded at the Stendal freight yard during the morning had also left toward Magdeburg. (1)

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3. On 2 October 1950 four wrecking tanks on T-34 chassis, eight T-34 tanks and jeeps [REDACTED] arrived at the Neuruppin railroad station to be loaded. Sixty soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed on the vehicles which came from the direction of Walsleben. (2)

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4. On 9 October 1950 another column of five T-34 tanks, three wrecking tanks, jeep [REDACTED] repair-shop truck [REDACTED] and about 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was loaded at the Neuruppin railroad station. The vehicles had also come from the direction of Walsleben. (2)

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5. On 10 October 1950 12 trucks [REDACTED] loaded with ammunition boxes, drove through Weisswasser. They came from the direction of Nochten-Bocksberg and proceeded toward Schleife. (3)

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6. On 12 October 1950 10 light howitzers, 6 light armored scout cars and several motor vehicles [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] were loaded at the Rathenow-North railroad station. (4)

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7. On 12 October 1950 an undetermined number of trucks were loaded on 30 flatcars at the Rathenow railroad station.

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8. On 13 October 1950 about 2 a.m. trucks

approached the loading ramp of Koenigsusterhausen. Some of the trucks carried ammunition boxes. Three trucks towed guns of about 35 mm caliber and one truck a field kitchen. Two and a half hours later the trucks had not been loaded as no railroad cars were available. (5)

9. On 14 October 1950 mattresses from two railroad cars at the Strausberg railroad stop were loaded on trucks and hauled to the Landesjugendheim (state youth hostel) in Wriezenerstrasse. (6)

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- (1) Comments.

tank and artillery components of the 207th Ltz Rifle Div were concerned. Elements of this division may have participated in the fall maneuvers of the Third Shock Army in the Magdeburg-Dessau area in which components of both the 13th Mecz Div and 94th Sds Ltz Rifle Div took part.

Elements of the 19th Sds Mecz Div may also have participated in the maneuvers.

- (2) A tank component of the 1st Mecz Div. No information has been received that components of this division took part in any of the large-scale maneuvers in October 1950.

- (3) Motor vehicles of the 9th Mecz Div. components of this division returned to their Cottbus home station as early as the beginning of October 1950.

- (4)

The loading of motor vehicles and heavy weapons of divisions of the Fourth Sds Mecz Army, primarily the 10th Sds Tank Div, strengthens the belief that units of this army held field exercises in the area west of Berlin as far as the Elbe River during the first half of October 1950. Compare a report from the Rathenow-Grossmudicke area stating that troops left that area for Satzkeim, Fuerstenwalde and Brandenburg between 2 and 18 October 1950.

- (5)

- (6) In mid-September 1950 an advance detail had arrived in the Landesjugendheim.

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